

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of :  
Jacques DEGELAEN et al. : ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH  
Serial No. NEW :  
Filed March 26, 1999 : Attorney Docket No.  
292/167237  
PROCESS FOR DETERMINING ANTIBIOTICS  
CONTAINING A  $\beta$ -LACTAM RING IN A  
BIOLOGICAL FLUID

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".  
Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".  
Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 2".  
Claim 7, line 1, change "any one of Claims 3 to 6" to --  
claim 3 --.  
Claim 8, line 1, change "any one of Claims 3 to 6" to --  
claim 3 --.  
Claim 9, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 8" to --  
claim 1 --.  
Claim 10, line 1, change "any one of Claims 1 to 9" to --  
claim 1 --.